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Dear Ms. Findeis Cromwell and Mr. Bradley:

On behalf of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and the members of the East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition (Douglas County, Piatt County, and Village of Rantoul, Illinois) we are pleased to submit this proposal for a \$600,000 Community-Wide Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant. As a coalition representing a number of rural communities and a large amount of unincorporated area, we recognize the obstacle that brownfields create in our efforts to develop a healthy, sustainable environment while promoting economic growth. With this grant funding, along with a mix of community partners, we intend to transform these sites into economic assets for our region.

The ECIBC area includes populations with greater unemployment, higher rates of poverty, and lower median household incomes than the state and nation. Unemployment rates in the area range from 1.3% to 12.2% higher than the US figure. Rantoul's poverty rate is 61.3% higher than the Illinois rate and 97.8% higher than the nation. Champaign and Douglas Counties and Rantoul all have median household incomes that lag behind the state by 20.7%, 11.0%, and 33.4%, respectively. Rantoul's percentage of female-headed households with children is nearly double the state and national rates. Champaign County and Rantoul both have women of childbearing age in greater percentages than the state and the US. In the ECIBC area, more than 70% of the housing stock was constructed in 1979 or earlier, posing a lead exposure risk, particularly to children living in those areas.

All of these sensitive populations are disproportionately impacted by the unaddressed brownfields sites in the ECIBC area. Many of the contaminants present on these sites are known carcinogens and pose serious risks to human organ systems. Residents are at risk of potential exposure through a number of routes including groundwater ingestion, inhalation via soil gas or groundwater vapor, and ingestion or inhalation of impacted soils. This threat is heightened by the proximity of many of the sites to residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and other sites where children live, learn and play. Construction workers are at risk of potential exposure through inhalation or ingestion of impacted soils that are disturbed during the course of construction or demolition.

With these grant funds, we plan to inventory sites in the coalition region and assess priority sites to encourage redevelopment and position them for a more fruitful end use. If these properties are not addressed, the blight caused by the abandoned and deteriorating buildings will spread.

Environmentally, these potential brownfields sites are impacting the area's soil and groundwater with contaminants, and some are likely to pose a threat to adjoining properties, nearby bodies of water, and groundwater that supplies drinking water in the region.

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<b>Applicant DUNS Number:</b>	097322861
<b>Funding Request:</b>	\$600,000 Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant (\$300,000 Petroleum, \$300,000 Hazardous Substances)
<b>Location:</b>	The Counties of Champaign (excluding the Cities of Urbana and Champaign), Douglas and Piatt, Illinois The Village of Rantoul, Illinois
<b>Property Information:</b>	Not applicable for coalition assessment proposals
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<b>Project Period:</b>	October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2018
<b>Population:</b> (2010 Census)	Champaign County    201,081 Douglas County    19,980 Piatt County    16,729 Village of Rantoul    12,941 (located in Champaign County)
<b>Other Factors Checklist:</b>	Attached to this Transmittal Letter

We hope that this Proposal demonstrates our region's need for brownfields assessment funding and recognizes our commitment to this project based upon our efforts thus far, as well as our future plans for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites within the three-county region. Please do not hesitate to contact me for information in regards to the coalition's brownfields redevelopment efforts. Thank you for your consideration of this US EPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Proposal.

Sincerely,



Cameron Moore  
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## Narrative Proposal

### 1. Community Need

#### ***a. Targeted Community and Brownfields***

##### ***a.i. Targeted Community Description***

The East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition (ECIBC) is comprised of the Counties of Champaign, Douglas and Piatt. The Village of Rantoul in Champaign County also is a coalition member. The coalition members have come together for the purpose of assessing brownfields and reducing threats to the health and welfare of sensitive populations in the three-county area and, in particular, in rural communities and unincorporated areas that lack the resources to apply for funding or manage federal grants on their own. The Cities of Champaign and Urbana in Champaign County have not been included in the geographic boundaries of this coalition assessment grant proposal in order to ensure that the benefits of the grants accrue to these small rural communities in areas that are experiencing significant socio-economic challenges.

The development of Champaign County, established in 1833, was assisted and influenced by the development of the Chicago Branch of the Illinois Central Railroad and the establishment of the University of Illinois, a land-grant university. The northern part of the county was hard hit by the closure of the Chanute Air Force base in the 1990s. While the Cities of Champaign and Urbana experience relative prosperity, many of the rural areas of the county are characterized by lower incomes, higher poverty rates, economic investment, and other disadvantages. The total population of Champaign County is 200,931; however, with Champaign and Urbana carved out, the remaining population that is within the ECIBC target area is 78,549.

Douglas County, population 19,908, was formed in 1859 when part of Coles County was carved out and made a separate county. Douglas County is named for Stephen Douglas, elected to the senate in 1858 following the famed Lincoln-Douglas Debates. Douglas County is extremely rural in nature, with just nine incorporated municipalities, the largest of which being Tuscola, population 4,280<sup>1</sup>

James Piatt and Jesse Warner founded Piatt County (current population 16,679) in 1841. The county earned its name after Piatt won a coin toss against Warner. Like Champaign and Douglas Counties, Piatt County is home to the remnants of a number of former industrial, agricultural, petroleum, and other sites that once were thriving businesses and now stand empty, leaving an environmental legacy that the local communities now must address. Like Douglas County, Piatt County is a rural, sparsely populated area with just eight incorporated municipalities, the largest of which being Monticello, population 5,297<sup>2</sup>.

This proposal marks the first step in the ECIBC's brownfields initiative. The ECIBC is seeking USEPA Brownfields Assessment Funds to characterize environmental contamination at brownfields sites in the ECIBC target area and develop cleanup plans that will position brownfields sites for cleanup and redevelopment. Page 3 of this narrative contains a preliminary list of potential brownfields sites for assessment under this grant. Once awarded, the members of the ECIBC will enter into an intergovernmental agreement that outlines the method that will be used to distribute assessment funding among the various jurisdictions. Then the ECIBC will form a Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC) and work with the BRAC, as well as ECIBC residents and other stakeholders to create a brownfields inventory and prioritization.

##### ***a.ii. Demographic Information***

Table 1 shows demographic data for the ECIBC member jurisdictions, the State of Illinois, and the United States. Bold values indicate values greater than state and/or federal figures (lower for household incomes). These demographics are discussed in detail in Section 1.b. below.

<sup>1</sup> [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) – 2012 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

<sup>2</sup> [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) – 2012 American Community Survey 5-year estimates

TABLE 1: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION						
	Champaign County	Douglas County	Piatt County	Rantoul	Illinois	United States
Population	200,931	19,908	16,679	12,880	12,823,860	309,138,711 <sup>1</sup>
Unemployment	8.2%	7.5%	8.3%	--	9.2%	7.4% <sup>2</sup>
Female head of household w/children	6.5%	5.6%	4.3%	13.5%	7.0%	7.3% <sup>1</sup>
Women of childbearing age	50.8%	35.8	33.0%	43.5%	40.2%	39.9% <sup>1</sup>
Poverty Rate	22.1%	10.1%	6.3%	27.1%	13.7%	14.9% <sup>1</sup>
Median Household Income	\$45,088	\$50,589	\$62,125	\$37,837	\$56,853	\$53,046 <sup>1</sup>
Housing built 1979 or earlier	58.5%	71.0%	73.3%	76.9%	69.2%	57.7% <sup>1</sup>
Children (birth-19 years)	26.6%	28.0%	25.8%	23.6%	27.2%	26.9% <sup>1</sup>
Elderly (65 years and up)	10.2%	15.7%	16.6%	8.0%	12.6%	13.3% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Data on this line is 2012 American Community Survey 5-year data from [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

<sup>2</sup> Data on this line is 2013 annual average data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

*a.iii. Brownfields*

The ECIBC has identified sixteen (16) potential brownfields assessment sites that include former manufacturing operations, filling stations, schools, landfills, grain elevators, and a hazardous waste reclamation firm. These sites, based on information gathered to date, have a wide variety of known and potential contaminants, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), fuels, metals, metalloids, PCBs, pesticides, rodenticides, and biological hazards. These contaminants have potential impact to both soil and groundwater, depending on the site and have a number of potential human health effects, including known or potential carcinogens; impacts to fetal and/or child development; and impacts to a number of systems, including cardiovascular, endocrine, hepatic, musculoskeletal, nervous, pulmonary, renal, reproductive, and respiratory. The threat of human exposure to contaminants at these sites and others throughout the ECIBC area, via ingestion and inhalation, is magnified by the fact that many of these sites are adjacent to residential neighborhoods, parks, and schools where children live, learn and play. Table 2 below details the information for the 16 potential brownfields assessment sites. These sites pose a threat to the environment in that they contain contaminated soil and in some cases groundwater. Left unchecked, contamination at some sites threatens adjacent sites and surface waters.

TABLE 2: POTENTIAL BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT SITES AND IMPACTS		
Site/Location/ Former Use(s)	Potential/Known Contaminants	Health Effects
Former automobile parts manufacturer, Rantoul (Champaign County)	Halogenated VOCs, Nonhalogenated VOCs, Halogenated SVOCs, Fuels, Metals & Metalloids	Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs
Former plastic injection molding operation, Rantoul (Champaign County)	Halogenated VOCs, Nonhalogenated VOCs, Halogenated SVOCs, Metals & Metalloids	Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Former filling station, Rantoul (Champaign County)	Petroleum, lead	C, Ch, Cp, F, H, M, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, S
Former metals manufacturer, Rantoul (Champaign County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Metals and metalloids.	C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Former fiberglass manufacturer, Rantoul (Champaign County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs (styrene, solvents)	C, Cp, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rs, S
Abandoned grain elevator operation (unincorporated Champaign County)	Chlorinated VOCs, Rodenticides, and Pesticides	C, Cp, Ch, F, H, M, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, S
Former agriculture chemical manufacturer, Villa Grove (Douglas County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, and metalloids.	C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Former hazardous waste reclamation firm, Newman (Douglas County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, and metalloids.	C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S

Former landfill, Villa Grove (Douglas County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, metalloids, and biological hazards such as bacteria and viruses.	Bv, C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Former landfill (unincorporated Douglas County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, metalloids, and biological hazards such as bacteria and viruses.	C, Bv, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Abandoned filling stations (2), Cerro Gordo (Piatt County)	Petroleum, lead	C, Ch, Cp, F, H, M, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, S
Former fertilizer plant, Cisco (Piatt County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, and metalloids.	C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Former cable wire manufacturing, Monticello (Piatt County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, and metalloids.	C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
Former filling station, Monticello (Piatt County)	Petroleum, lead	C, Ch, Cp, F, H, M, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, S
Closed high school building, Atwood (Piatt County)	already demolished, possible VOCs, SVOCs, Lead if history of tank(s)	C, Ch, Cp, H, F, M, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, S
Former nutritional extract manufacturer, Monticello (Piatt County)	Halogenated and nonhalogenated VOCs and SVOCs, Fuels, Metals, and metalloids.	C, Ch, Ck, E, F, H, Ne, Nv, Rn, Rp, Rs, S
<b>Health Effects:</b> Bv – Bacterial and viral effects Ch – Child development H – Hepatic Rn – Renal Cp – Carcinogen, potential M – Musculoskeletal Rp – Reproductive C – Cardiopulmonary E – Endocrine Ne – Neurological Rs – Respiratory Ck – Carcinogen, known F – Fetal development Nv – Nervous S – Sense organs		

#### *a.iv. Cumulative Environmental Issues*

There are a number of significant cumulative environmental issues within the ECIBC area. Champaign, Douglas and Piatt Counties are home to three Superfund sites, one of which (Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul) is proposed for the National Priorities List<sup>3</sup>. The Illinois EPA's Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Incident database<sup>4</sup> lists 393 LUST incidents in Champaign County, 73 in Douglas County, and 46 in Piatt County for a grand total of 512 in the ECIBC area. Three heavily traveled Interstate Highways – I-74, I-57, I-72 run through the ECIBC area, with multiple interchanges throughout the three counties. Throughout the ECIBC area, there are six Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Transportation, Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) that are subject to corrective action and four that are potentially subject to corrective action<sup>5</sup>. There are 108 Illinois EPA-issued air permits in the ECIBC area for a variety of operations, including natural gas pipelines, power plants, ethanol manufacturers, and chemical companies<sup>6</sup>.

Douglas County has a number of additional environmental issues, including 1) a 900-acre manufacturing site that produces ethyl alcohol, operates a small coal-fired power plant, and includes a large fly ash landfill and a non-hazardous Class I injection well; 2) an inorganic chemical manufacturer that operates two Class I hazardous materials injection wells; 3) a number of natural gas and gas products transmission lines owned by Panhandle Eastern, Trunkline Gas, Natural Gas Company of America, Marathon, Mid-American, and Tallgrass Energy Partners; 4) a closed coal mine that has been used as a repository for fly ash disposal; and 5) three Class 1 mainline railroads producing significant rail traffic throughout the county.

#### ***b. Impacts on Targeted Community***

As the demographics in Table 1 demonstrate, the ECIBC area includes populations with greater unemployment, more poverty, and lower household incomes than the State of Illinois and the United States. The unemployment rates in the area range from 1.3% to 12.2% higher than the US figure. Rantoul's poverty rate is 61.3% higher than the Illinois rate and a staggering 97.8% higher than the US

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/query/query.htm/nplprop.htm#IL>

<sup>4</sup> <http://epadata.epa.state.il.us/land/ust/Search.asp>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/rcrainfo/search.html>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/index.html>



rate. Champaign and Douglas Counties and Rantoul all have median household incomes that lag behind the State of Illinois by 20.7%, 11.0%, and 33.4%, respectively. Rantoul's percentage of female-headed households with children is nearly double the state and federal rates. Champaign County and Rantoul both have women of childbearing age in greater percentages than the state and the US. In the Counties of Douglas and Piatt and the Village of Rantoul, more than 70% of the housing stock was constructed in 1979 or earlier, posing a lead exposure risk, particularly to children living in those area.

All of these sensitive populations are disproportionately impacted by the unaddressed brownfields sites in the ECIBC area. The site contaminants listed as potential threats in Table 2 are typical of brownfields sites in the ECIBC area and the greater region. Many of these contaminants are known carcinogens and pose serious risks to a number of human organ systems. Residents are at risk of potential exposure through a number of routes including groundwater ingestion, inhalation via soil gas or groundwater vapor, and ingestion or inhalation of impacted soils. This threat is heightened by the proximity of many brownfields to residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and other sites where children live, learn and play. Construction workers are at risk of potential exposure through inhalation or ingestion of impacted soils that are disturbed during the course of construction or demolition.

While it is difficult to directly connect brownfields with specific health impacts, it is important to note that a number of the contaminants listed in Table 2 above are known or suspected carcinogens. Illinois Department of Health Cancer Incidence Statistics reveal that a number of types of cancer are considerably more prevalent in the ECIBC area than in the State of Illinois as a whole<sup>7</sup>. The five year (2007-2011) age-adjusted incidence rates for the following cancers are at least 20 percent higher in parts of the ECIBC area: In Champaign County – melanoma (33.7% higher). In Douglas County – esophagus (76.9% higher); bone and joint (250% higher); melanoma (36.6% higher); cervix (46.4% higher); testis (30.4% higher); and leukemia (21.5% higher). In Piatt County – oral cavity and pharynx (27.6% higher); melanoma (117.1% higher); ovary (33.9% higher); testis (114.3% higher); urinary/bladder (20.7% higher); myeloma (31.7% higher); leukemia (23.8% higher); breast in situ (43.8% higher); and all other (23.7% higher).

Similarly, it is difficult to draw a direct connection between brownfields and major birth defects; however, many of the contaminants listed in Table 2 affect fetal development and an array of human organ systems. According to an Illinois Department of Public Health report on birth defects and other adverse pregnancy outcomes<sup>8</sup>, the rates of certain major birth defects (data for the five year period from 2005 to 2009) are markedly higher in the ECIBC area than in the state as a whole. In Champaign County – major central nervous system defects (32.0% higher); major cardiovascular system defects (89.4% higher); major alimentary system defects (95.4% higher); and major genitourinary tract defects (61.4% higher). In Douglas County – major central nervous system defects (66.9% higher); major cardiovascular system defects (160.9% higher); major genitourinary system defects (70.7% higher); and major musculoskeletal system defects (126.6% higher). In Piatt County – major central nervous system defects (157.6% higher) and major cardiovascular system defects (69.7% higher).

In some cases, brownfields sites are disruptive to neighborhood connectivity. For instance, some brownfields sites block access to rivers and other water resources, and disconnect residential neighborhoods from parks and recreation resources and other community amenities. In addition, the presence of brownfields, standing vacant, abandoned and blighted, serves as a symbol of decline and disinvestment, leading to further breakdown and devaluation of neighborhoods and communities. The ECIBC aims to address brownfields sites in area communities to stem the tide of disinvestment and decline and restore vibrancy to once-flourishing communities and neighborhoods.

### ***c. Financial Need***

#### ***c.i. Economic Conditions***

The members of the ECIBC – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Douglas County, Piatt County, and the Village of Rantoul – simply do not have the economic resources to complete the work described in this proposal without assistance from USEPA. The ECIBC area, comprised of

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.idph.state.il.us/cancer/14/county\\_rpt/County\\_Section\\_III\\_County\\_Specific\\_Cancer\\_Incidence\\_All\\_Races.pdf](http://www.idph.state.il.us/cancer/14/county_rpt/County_Section_III_County_Specific_Cancer_Incidence_All_Races.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/epi/pdf/ERS14-03\\_Birth\\_Defects\\_in\\_Illinois\\_2005-2009.pdf](http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/epi/pdf/ERS14-03_Birth_Defects_in_Illinois_2005-2009.pdf)

Champaign County (excluding the Cities of Champaign and Urbana), Douglas County, and Piatt County, is a sparsely populated rural area. The total target area population of 115,136 is spread out over 1,820 square miles, for a density of 63.3 persons per square mile. This sparse population over a large geographic area, coupled with lower incomes and lower property values, greatly impacts ECIBC members' abilities to fund brownfields assessment activities. It is true that brownfields are not the only cause of economic difficulties in the ECIBC area; however, brownfields represent a significant lost opportunity to generate property and sales tax revenue for local governments and create employment opportunities for residents in the ECIBC area.

According to the online database of Illinois Worker Adjustment & Retraining Notification (WARN) Act reports<sup>9</sup>, the ECIBC area experienced a number of significant layoffs and closures with a total job loss of 1,827 from the area during the time from January 2008 through November 2014, as shown in Table 3 below. These job losses represent a significant economic disruption in this rural region.

Table 3: Recent Layoffs and Closures in the ECIBC Area					
Company Name	Type of Company	Layoff or Closure	Number of Jobs Lost	Date(s) of Job Losses	County
Kraft Foods	Food manufacturing	Layoff	56	9/14 – 1/15	Champaign
Supervalu, Inc.	Fresh food wholesaler	Layoff	44	8/14 – 9/14	Champaign
Atwood-Hammond	High school	Closing	20	6/14	Piatt
Thomas Monahan Co.	Farm product wholesaler	Layoff	52	4/11	Douglas
Carle Clinic	Physician offices	Layoff	338	9/09	Champaign
Jacobson Warehouse Co.	General warehouse and storage	Closing	51	7/09	Champaign
Progress Tank	Plate work manufacturing	Closing	96	7/09	Douglas
ACH Food Companies, Inc.	Soybean processing	Closing	246	5/09	Champaign
THQ Quality Assurance	Computer programming services	Layoff	86	5/09	Champaign
Americall Group, Inc.	Telemarketing bureau	Closing	74	3/09	Champaign
Meadowbrook Farms Cooperative	Animal slaughtering	Layoff	557	1/09	Champaign
Vesuvius	Industrial valve manufacturing	Closing	97	3/09	Champaign
Eagle Wings Industries, Inc.	Motor vehicle metal stamping	Layoff	130	1/09	Champaign
Hundman Lumber	Wood truss manufacturing	Closing	20	9/08	Piatt

In addition, since 2008, four federally-declared natural disasters have caused significant economic disruption in the ECIBC area, including the following<sup>10</sup>:

- DR-4157 – Illinois Severe Storm, Straight-Line Winds and Tornadoes (11-17-2013 to 11-18-2013), which impacted Champaign, Douglas, and 13 other Illinois Counties
- DR-4116 – Illinois Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds and Flooding (4-16-2013 to 5-5-2013), which impacted Douglas and 34 other Illinois Counties
- DR-1960 – Illinois Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm (1-13-2011 to 2-3-2011), which impacted Douglas and 59 other Illinois Counties
- DR-1771 – Illinois Severe Storms and Flooding (6-1-2008 to 7-22-2008), which impacted Douglas and 17 other Illinois Counties

Additionally, Piatt County experienced severe flooding in 2008.

#### *c.ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields*

Like many communities, ECIBC members have experienced tremendous challenges throughout the Great Recession, and have struggled even to fund basic government services. Like other local governments, they have wrestled with tough decisions to freeze or reduce staffing levels, reduce services, postpone purchases of critical equipment, and defer maintenance and upgrades to critical facilities. While ECIBC communities are slowly recovering from the effects of the recession, they still

<sup>9</sup> <http://www2.illinoisworknet.com/LayoffRecovery/Pages/ArchivedWARNReports.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.fema.gov/disasters>

are in a position that requires assistance in assessing and positioning brownfields for redevelopment, an important component of the economic recovery in this rural Illinois region.

As Table 1 illustrates, the ECIBC area suffers from a number of economic woes that have hit residents in very personal ways, particularly with low incomes and poverty. The recent layoffs and closures shown in Table 3 have dealt a blow to the area as well. The mere existence of brownfields sitting vacant and blighted in communities and neighborhoods serves as a barrier to recovery and development and causes an additional burden on local government services as communities must deal with open, dangerous structures that are “attractive nuisances” and often must mow and otherwise maintain vacant properties, adding additional financial burden to already struggling local governments.

## **2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success**

### ***a. Project Description***

#### ***a.i. Project Description***

The ECIBC will use these funds for the environmental assessment and cleanup planning of brownfields, with the goal of advancing economic revitalization efforts in line with ECIBC community land use and revitalization plans in the ECIBC region. For example, the Piatt County Economic Development Strategy (2012) includes *identifying potential brownfields sites* and *researching brownfields redevelopment funding and technical assistance opportunities* as priority industrial redevelopment objectives. Similarly, Douglas County’s land use and revitalization strategies focus on work to redevelop former and existing industrial sites to maximize their productivity. While the ECIBC has not made a formal and exhaustive inventory of properties to be assessed, sixteen properties have been identified through input from ECIBC members. That list is included in Table 2 above. This list includes sites within the jurisdiction of each member of the ECIBC, and the coalition is committed to ensuring that each jurisdiction will have assessment activities within their boundaries. The first step in the work plan will be to procure the services of a Qualified Environmental Consultant (QEC) to assist the ECIBC with the technical aspects of the project. Following that, the ECIBC members, working with the QEC, will develop a brownfields inventory and prioritization. In prioritizing sites, the emphasis will be on 1) nature and extent of contamination; 2) redevelopment potential; 3) imminent risk to human health and/or environment; 4) compatibility of reuse with established land use and development plans; 5) the ability to leverage other funds and resources; 6) the ability to gain access to the site; and 7) site eligibility for USEPA brownfields funding.

Prior to conducting assessment activities, the QEC will prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for USEPA approval. Before proceeding with assessment activities on any site, ECIBC will work with the appropriate agency (USEPA or Illinois EPA, depending on the nature of contamination) to obtain an eligibility determination. Once a site is deemed eligible, the site will undergo a Phase I ESA in accordance with ASTM standards and All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) requirements. For those sites that will progress to Phase II ESAs, the QEC will 1) update the QAPP with site-specific information; 2) prepare a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for agency review and approval; and 3) develop a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for agency review and approval. Typical Phase II ESA goals include evaluating the nature and extent of contamination; environmental liability; potential off-site impacts; and reuse and redevelopment options. Phase II ESAs conducted under this project will 1) be conducted in accordance with ASTM standards and AAI requirements; and 2) be designed with the potential end use in mind to ensure that the progression to cleanup planning is seamless and avoids any duplication of efforts. Sites that progress to Phase II ESAs will be enrolled in the Illinois EPA’s Voluntary Site Remediation Program (SRP) or the Illinois Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program, as appropriate.

Cleanup planning efforts will be designed to support redevelopment efforts and eliminate threats to human health and the environment. The ECIBC will work with its QEC to develop Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) for sites that are poised for redevelopment. ECIBC and QEC will work closely with the Illinois SRP, which will provide review and oversight of both Phase II ESA and cleanup planning activities to ensure sites are well-prepared for cleanup and redevelopment.

#### ***a.ii. Project Timing***



ECIBC partners will first enter into an agreement, agreeable to all parties that includes a plan for how sites will be selected and funds allocated throughout the ECIBC area. Once that agreement is in place, the ECIBC Project Management Team, led by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, will convene as the Project Management Team (PMT). The PMT will create a Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC) comprised of stakeholders throughout the ECIBC. The BRAC will provide advice and guidance on assessment and cleanup/redevelopment planning throughout the period of performance.

The PMT, working with the BRAC and the QEC, will complete a brownfields inventory and make a preliminary prioritization list. That preliminary prioritization will be presented in a series of community meetings throughout the ECIBC area, where input and comments will be solicited and incorporated, as appropriate, into the site prioritization list. The ability to gain access to a site will be factored into the prioritization process. However, for sites that pose an imminent health and safety threat for which access cannot be gained by the ECIBC, the PMT will seek Illinois EPA and USEPA assistance.

Once sites are prioritized, the assessment tasks will begin. The QEC will complete the QAPP and submit it to USEPA for review and approval. The QEC and PMT will select the initial sites for assessment and submit eligibility determination (ED) requests to Illinois EPA or USEPA (depending on the nature of contamination) for these sites – and any additional sites slated for Phase I ESAs throughout the project. The QEC will then conduct the Phase I ESAs.

Throughout the project, the PMT and BRAC will evaluate sites and the prioritization list to determine which additional sites undergo Phase I ESAs and which progress to Phase II ESAs. For sites that will undergo Phase II ESAs, the QEC will make site-specific updates to the QAPP, complete HASPs and SAPs. Phase II ESAs will be completed in compliance with ASTM standards and AAI requirements.

Sites that are poised for redevelopment/reuse will proceed to cleanup planning, which will include RAPs, and in some cases, Analyses of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA). The PMT and QEC will coordinate cleanup planning efforts closely with the Illinois SRP.

Throughout the period of performance, the CCRPC will maintain compliance with all terms of the USEPA Cooperative Agreement, including but not limited to: requirements for quarterly reports, annual financial reports, disadvantaged business enterprise reports, and final reports; ACRES database updates; and procurement guidelines.

#### *a.iii. Site Selection*

Prior to commencing any grant-funded activities, the ECIBC members will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement documenting the coalition's site selection process. The MOA also will 1) identify and establish relationships necessary to achieve projects goals; 2) outline the process to be used for successful execution of goals; 3) describe the role of each coalition member; and 4) include details on the distribution of funds and the mechanisms for implementing the assessment work.

Factors which will be considered by ECIBC members in site prioritization will include 1) nature and extent of contamination; 2) redevelopment potential; 3) imminent risk to human health and/or environment; 4) compatibility of reuse with established land use and development plans; 5) the ability to leverage other funds and resources; 6) the ability to gain access to the site; and 7) site eligibility for USEPA brownfields funding.

### ***b. Task Description and Budget Table***

#### *b.i. Task Description*

Task 1: Programmatic Activities: The budget for this task includes programmatic costs of \$10,340 each for Hazardous Substances and Petroleum assessment grant funds.

- Quarterly Reports (total \$1,440 salary and \$672 fringe). CCRPC will complete quarterly reports (12) throughout the period of performance – salary expense of \$720 HS/\$720 P<sup>11</sup> and fringe expense of \$336 HS/\$336/P.

<sup>11</sup> HS – hazardous substances; P – petroleum. CCRPC wages are based on \$30/hour salary and \$14/hour fringe.

- Annual Reports (total \$300 salary and \$140 fringe). CCRPC will complete annual financial reports (3) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise reports (3) throughout the period of performance – salary expense of \$150 HS/\$150 P and fringe expense of \$70 HS/\$70 P.
- GIS Data Files (total \$720 salary and \$336 fringe). CCRPC will prepare data files for GIS entry for each of the ECIBC members quarterly throughout the period of performance (12) – salary expense of \$360 HS/\$360 P and fringe expense of \$168 HS/\$168 P.
- Coordination with USEPA/Illinois EPA (total \$2,400 salary; \$1,120 fringe; and \$3,200 contractual). CCRPC and the qualified environmental consultant (QEC) will coordinate work plan activities with the USEPA and Illinois EPA throughout the period of performance – salary expense of \$1,200 HS/\$1,200 P; fringe expense of \$560 HS/\$560 P; and contractual cost of \$1,600 HS/\$1,600 P.
- ACRES Updates and Project Management (total \$1,440 salary; \$672 fringe; and \$2,880 contractual). CCRPC and the QEC will coordinate and conduct quarterly project management team (PMT) meetings and complete ACRES updates throughout the period of performance – salary expense of \$720 HS/\$720 P; fringe expense of \$336 HS/\$336 P; and contractual cost of \$1,440 HS/\$1,440 P.
- Travel Expenses (total \$5,360). Travel expenses will cover the cost for two ECIBC representatives to attend two USEPA National Brownfields Conferences or other State or private brownfields-related conferences or work sessions – airfare of \$960 HS/\$960 P; lodging of \$1,080 HS/\$1,080 P; meal per diems of \$496 HS/\$496 P; and ground transportation/parking of \$144 HS/\$144 P.

Task 2: Community Outreach: Throughout the period of performance, the ECIBC will encourage and facilitate community involvement in prioritizing properties for assessment and planning for reuse of the identified properties. Because brownfields projects are partnerships between the private and public sectors, industrial, financial and community representatives will benefit from the collaborative planning for development opportunities. The budget for this task includes community outreach costs of costs of \$9,420 each for Hazardous Substances and Petroleum assessment grant funds.

- Printed informational/marketing/educational materials (total \$1,800 staff; \$840 fringe; and \$3,840 contractual). CCRPC staff and the QEC will prepare, print and distribute project information and marketing documents, press releases, and brownfields fact sheets – staff expense of \$900 HS/\$900 P; fringe expense of \$420 HS/\$420 P; and contractual expense of \$1,920 HS/\$1,920 P.
- Social media / web site updates (total \$1,620 staff and \$756 fringe). CCRPC will maintain outreach to citizens and other stakeholders through social media and website updates – staff expense of \$810 HS/\$810 P and fringe expense of \$378 HS/\$378 P.
- Community Meetings (total \$2,880 staff; \$1,344 fringe; and \$5,760 contractual). CCRPC and the QEC will coordinate community meetings throughout the ECIBC area during the period of performance to ensure that community values and goals are considered and included in brownfields prioritization and reuse planning – staff expense of \$1,440 HS/\$1,440 P; fringe expense of \$672 HS/\$672 P; and contractual expense of \$2,880 HS/\$2,880 P.

Task 3: Site Prioritization: Although the ECIBC has identified a number of potential brownfields sites, a formal inventory including citizen and stakeholder engagement has not yet been created. The budget for this task includes site prioritization costs of \$2,840 each for Hazardous Substances and Petroleum assessment grant funds.

- Brownfields site prioritization and inventory maintenance (total \$600 staff; \$140 fringe; and \$4,800 contractual). Assisted by CCRPC, the QEC will lead the site prioritization process, working with community partners, citizens and other stakeholders to prioritize sites based on an established set of criteria. Throughout the period of performance, the QEC will maintain and update the inventory as necessary - staff expense of \$300 HS/\$300 P; fringe expense of \$140 HS/\$140 P; and contractual expense of \$2,400 HS/\$2,400 P.

Task 4: Site Assessment: Based on 1) the distribution of sites agreed upon in the intergovernmental agreement between ECIBC members; 2) site inventory rankings; and 3) community needs, selected

sites will be evaluated through Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. The assessments will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of All Appropriate Inquiry as well as applicable ASTM standards and practices. The budget for this task includes site assessment costs of \$202,400 each for Hazardous Substances and Petroleum assessment grant funds, more than two-thirds of the total budget for the project.

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) (total \$120,000 contractual). The costs for completing Phase I ESAs can vary depending on the complexity of the sites. Based on past grant funded assessments, it is anticipated that Phase I ESA costs will average \$4,000 per site. ECIBC plans to complete 30 Phase I ESAs total – contractual expense of \$60,000 HS/\$60,000 P.
- Phase II ESAs (total \$250,000 contractual). The costs for completing Phase II ESAs can vary depending on the complexity of the sites. Based on past grant funded assessments, it is anticipated that Phase II ESA costs will average \$25,000 to \$35,000 per site, including the Phase II ESA and the required Health and Safety and Sampling and Analysis Plans and site-specific updates to the Quality Assurance Project Plan. The assessments will determine the contaminants present, contaminant levels, and if any immediate threats persist. ECIBC plans to complete eight to ten Phase II ESAs – contractual expense of \$125,000 HS/\$125,000 P.
- Enrollment in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) Voluntary Site Remediation Program (SRP) or Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program (LUST) (total \$30,000 in IEPA expenses). The results of the Phase II ESAs will be compared to IEPA's Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) to evaluate contaminants through human exposure pathways. If contamination is identified, we will seek to enroll the impacted sites in the appropriate IEPA oversight program for further investigation and remedial planning. We anticipate the enrollment four to six sites - \$15,000 HS/\$15,000 P for IEPA expenses to cover the costs of the enrollment and Illinois EPA Project Manager review fees.
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (total \$4,800 in contractual). The QEC will prepare a QAPP in accordance with the USEPA guidelines - \$2,400 HS/\$2,400 P.

Task 5: Cleanup Planning: The ECIBC, assisted by the QEC, will conduct cleanup and redevelopment planning as required by the USEPA Brownfields Program, the IEPA SRP, and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program for brownfields sites where redevelopment is imminent. This task will include the preparation of Remedial Action Plans (RAPs), Assessment of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs), and the evaluation of institutional and engineering controls. The budget for this task includes cleanup planning costs of \$75,000 each for Hazardous Substances and Petroleum assessment grant funds.

- Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) (total \$84,000 in contractual). QEC will prepare RAPs for four to six sites enrolled in the IEPA SRP/LUST programs – contractual expense of \$42,000 HS/\$42,000 P.
- Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCAs) (total \$36,000 in contractual). The QEC will prepare ABCAs for four to six sites enrolled in the IEPA oversight programs – contractual expense of \$18,000 HS/\$18,000 P.
- IEPA Oversight (total of \$30,000 in IEPA expenses). The IEPA will provide oversight for four to six sites through its programs– IEPA expenses of \$15,000 HS/\$15,000 P.

**TABLE 4: OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES**

<i>Programmatic Activities</i>	<i>Community Outreach</i>	<i>Site Prioritization</i>	<i>Phase I and Phase II Site Assessments</i>	<i>Cleanup Planning</i>
<i>Quarterly reports (12)</i> <i>Annual reports (3)</i> <i>DBE reports (3)</i> <i>GIS data files (12)</i> <i>ACRES updates (30 sites)</i> <i>PMT meeting minutes (12)</i>	<i>Marketing documents (3)</i> <i>Press releases (9)</i> <i>Brownfields fact sheets (6)</i> <i>Social media updates (72)</i> <i>Web site updates (18)</i>	<i>Brownfields inventory (1)</i> <i>Brownfields inventory updates (5)</i>	<i>Phase I ESAs (30)</i> <i>Phase II ESAs (8-10)</i> <i>IEPA SRP/LUST enrollments (4-6)</i> <i>QAPP (1)</i> <i>QAPP site-specific updates (8-10)</i>	<i>RAPs (4-6)</i> <i>ABCAs (4-6)</i> <i>IEPA oversight documentation (4-6 sites)</i>

*b.ii. Budget Table*

Table 2 below outlines the proposed budget for the ECIBC coalition assessment grant:

<b>TABLE 5: BUDGET</b>						
<b>COALITION ASSESSMENT - HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES PROJECT TASKS</b>						
<b>BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Task 1: Programmatic Activities</b>	<b>Task 2: Community Outreach</b>	<b>Task 3: Site Prioritization</b>	<b>Task 4: Phase I and II Site Assessments</b>	<b>Task 5: Cleanup Planning</b>	<b>Total</b>
Personnel	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$300			<b>\$6,600</b>
Fringe	\$1,470	\$1,470	\$140			<b>\$3,080</b>
Travel	\$2,680					<b>\$2,680</b>
Contractual	\$3,040	\$4,800	\$2,400	\$187,400	\$60,000	<b>\$257,640</b>
IL EPA Fees				\$15,000	\$15,000	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$10,340</b>	<b>\$9,420</b>	<b>\$2,840</b>	<b>\$202,400</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>COALITION ASSESSMENT - PETROLEUM PROJECT TASKS</b>						
<b>BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Task 1: Programmatic Activities</b>	<b>Task 2: Community Outreach</b>	<b>Task 3: Site Prioritization</b>	<b>Task 4: Phase I and II Site Assessments</b>	<b>Task 5: Cleanup Planning</b>	<b>Total</b>
Personnel	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$300			<b>\$6,600</b>
Fringe	\$1,470	\$1,470	\$140			<b>\$3,080</b>
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<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$10,340</b>	<b>\$9,420</b>	<b>\$2,840</b>	<b>\$202,400</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

*c. Ability to Leverage*

The ECIBC has commitments from a number of regional partners – public and private – that have pledged support to this project and are willing to commit time and resources toward the completion of the goals set forth in this funding proposal. Table 6 below details these commitments. Letters of commitment from these partners are included as an attachment to this proposal.

<b>Table 6: Commitments from Public and Private Partners</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Program Participation</b>	<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Arcola, City of	Serve on BRAC; identify and prioritize brownfields; stakeholder outreach; communications and negotiations with property owners	\$3,975	Bill Wagoner, City Administrator 217-267-4966
Cerro Gordo, Village of	Support for program	--	Bradley R. Williams, Mayor 217-763-8551
Cisco, Village of	Stakeholder outreach; communications with property owners; inter-agency coordination; physical and human resources	\$1,720	Ronald L. Weishaar, Village Trustee 217-778-1358
Kirby Medical Center	Serve on BRAC; identify and prioritize brownfields; stakeholder outreach	\$10,800	Steven D. Tenhouse, CEO 217-762-2115
Main Street Monticello	Stakeholder outreach; communications and negotiations with property owners	\$875	Kerry Redshaw, Executive Director 217-762-9318
Monticello CUSD #25	Serve on BRAC	--	Victor Zimmerman, EdD, Superintendent 217-762-8511
Tuscola, City of	Serve on BRAC; identify and prioritize brownfields; stakeholder outreach; communications and negotiations with property owners	\$3,600	J. Drew Hoel, City Administrator 217-253-2112

**3. Community Engagement and Partnerships**

***a. Plan for Involving Targeted Community & Other Stakeholders; and Communicating Project Progress***

***a.i. Community Involvement Plan***

The ECIBC understands the importance of including a broad base of community members and stakeholders in any economic development project, but perhaps even more so for a brownfields project which requires a greater degree of community education about environmental health and risks. To that end, the ECIBC plans to involve community members and other stakeholders in an ongoing and meaningful way in this project, and particularly in the process of prioritizing brownfields for assessment, cleanup planning, and eventual cleanup and redevelopment. ECIBC will make efforts to include stakeholders throughout the ECIBC area, including neighborhood and community organizations, citizen groups, property owners, lenders, business organizations and developers. In particular, ECIBC will make a concerted effort to involve those individuals and groups often underrepresented in planning and redevelopment decision-making.

The ECIBC will form a Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC), a broad base of diverse stakeholders from throughout the ECIBC area, to provide advice and counsel on project planning, prioritization, and cleanup and redevelopment planning. The BRAC will meet at least quarterly throughout the project period and will provide valuable assistance in soliciting involvement from a wide group of stakeholders in community meetings throughout the project.

In addition to community meetings, the ECIBC will make project information available through a web site, press releases, and other media throughout the project period. Brownfields fact sheets will provide in-depth information about sites that progress to Phase II ESAs in order to provide residents and property owners surrounding the sites with information on how ECIBC, its QEC and environmental assessment contractors will ensure human health and safety during the course of assessment activities.

The ECIBC is committed to providing information access to all who desire to participate in the process. The percentage of on-English speakers in the ECIBC area is relatively low; however, the ECIBC will provide translation services where appropriate. To accommodate persons with disabilities, all public meetings will be held in accessibilities, and materials will be provided in media accessible to persons with visual impairments, upon request.

***a.ii. Communicating Progress***

As noted in the previous section, the ECIBC is committed to communicating the progress of the project to community members in ways that are appropriate and effective for the targeted communities. The success of any redevelopment project – and in particular a brownfields project – is closely related to how well the project aligns with community goals, values and desires. The only way to ensure that this project accomplishes that level of alignment is to involve a broad base of community stakeholders throughout the project and actively solicit community members' input, ideas, and advice. ECIBC is committed to doing so through a variety of venues that will ensure that a broad base of community members – diverse in age, race and ethnicity, gender, economic means, income, and other factors – participates actively in the project. In addition to community meetings, the BRAC, a web site, and press releases, the ECIBC will consider other means such as social media, webinars, information repositories at local libraries, and other means to ensure that even individuals in remote, very small communities have the opportunity to participate and learn of project progress.

***b. Partnerships with Government Agencies***

***b.i. Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority***

In Illinois, local governments are fortunate to have an excellent partner in the Illinois EPA. The IEPA's Voluntary Site Remediation Program (SRP) provides review and oversight of brownfields assessment and cleanup activities and delivers No Further Remediation (NFR) letters for sites upon completion of cleanup activities in accordance with their Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) standards. ECIBC will work closely with IEPA's SRP as sites progress to Phase II ESAs and cleanup planning activities.



In addition, the Illinois EPA's Office of Site Evaluation (OSE) provides targeted brownfields assessment services, which the ECIBC plans to use to leverage USEPA brownfields grant resources.

*b.ii. Other Relevant Governmental Partnerships*

ECIBC members understand that successful brownfields redevelopment is the result of cooperative efforts among City, County, State and Local governments, the private sector, citizen and environmental groups, and technical professionals. In addition to helping ensure success, involving multiple partners helps to leverage and stretch scarce resources and eliminates duplication of efforts. Because the end use of some brownfields is likely to be open space and park land, ECIBC will consider partnering with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and their funding programs for parks and recreation, trails, and boating facilities. ECIBC is committed to preserving historic and cultural resources in our communities. To that end, the coalition will work closely with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to ensure appropriate preservation of historic buildings and elements as sites progress to the redevelopment stage. In the region, the ECIBC will work with economic development agencies like the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation to attract developers to brownfields sites. And the coalition will reach out to parks and recreation authorities, including the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, to gauge interest in acquiring brownfields sites to increase their holdings of open space lands.

**c. Partnerships with Community Organizations**

*c.i. Community Organization Description & Role*

The ECIBC is partnered with a number of community organizations that will serve vital roles in the brownfields program. These organizations will assist with a number of functions, including

- Serve on the Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC) which will help the ECIBC PMT make decisions on project priorities throughout the period of performance.
- Identify and prioritize brownfields sites, both during the initial inventory process and as the project progresses, Phase I and Phase II ESAs are complete, and cleanup/redevelopment planning begins.
- Assist with stakeholder outreach, helping to ensure that a broad, diverse group of residents and other stakeholders participate in the project.
- Assist with communication and negotiation with property owners, particularly in regards to site access for ESAs and planning for eventual cleanup and redevelopment.
- Encourage interagency cooperation to ensure that the ECIBC is able to maximize the use of local resources and avoid redundancy and duplication of efforts.

The specific roles of each organization, as well as the cash and in-kind commitments each is making to the project, is documented in Table 6 above.

*c.ii. Letters of Commitment*

Commitment letters from each community organization are included as an attachment to this narrative.

**4. Project Benefits**

**a. Health and/or Welfare and Environment**

*a.i. Health and/or Welfare Benefits*

The award of this grant will ensure that the ECIBC will be able to commence with its brownfields program and begin to address threats (as shown in Table 2) that brownfields sites pose to human health and the environment. Over the three year period of performance, ECIBC will identify and assess brownfields sites and plan for the cleanup and redevelopment of sites. In the course of doing so, the ECIBC will be taking the first critical steps toward eliminating exposure to the contaminants that now threaten people and the environment. The elevated incidence rate of several types of cancer and a number of categories of major birth defects, while difficult to tie directly to brownfields, have a connection to the type of contaminants shown in Table 2 that are known to be threats to major human organ systems and are known (or suspected) to be human carcinogens. While addressing

brownfields in the area will not completely alleviate these health concerns, it will eliminate a pathway to exposure to an array of contaminants that threaten human health.

Because the end use of some brownfields is likely parks and recreation, assessment, cleanup and reuse of the sites carry the health benefit of increased opportunities for exercise and physical activity.

*a.ii. Environmental Benefits*

The brownfields listed in Table 2 – and other brownfields yet to be identified – threaten the environment in a number of ways. The presence of contaminants in soil and groundwater at brownfields sites carries the risk of that contamination migrating to adjacent sites in the form of soil contamination, groundwater contamination, or vapor intrusion. The assessment and subsequent cleanup of brownfields sites eliminates this risk. The potential migration of contamination also threatens surface waters and potentially groundwater that provides a source of public drinking water. Addressing brownfields eliminates those threats as well. ECIBC will employ engineering controls (such as engineered barriers and venting systems) and institutional controls (such as deed restrictions and groundwater use ordinances) to protect both the environment and human health.

***b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse***

*b.i. Planning, Policies, and Other Tools*

Brownfields redevelopment is a form of “land recycling”. Not only does it take advantage of previously developed land, it also helps prevent sprawl and preserve farmland – a significant benefit in the agriculture-rich area of East Central Illinois – and uses existing road and utility infrastructure. Using existing infrastructure is significant in any community, but in small communities with tight budgets, it is even more so: the cost of extending infrastructure and city services such as fire and police services into expanded corporate limits can be an insurmountable challenge for small communities.

The USEPA’s 2012 publication entitled *Methodology for Understanding and Reducing a Projects Environmental Footprint*<sup>12</sup> contains metrics for materials and waste; water; energy; air; and land & ecosystems that can help ensure greener remediation. The ECIBC is committed to incorporating these metrics and green remediation BMPs in its brownfields program. One green remediation technique commonly used is on-site treatment of soils characterized hazardous to avoid trucking the soils long distances to hazardous materials-permitted landfills and to significantly reduce fuel consumption and air emissions associated with long distance trucking. Another simple green alternative involves recycling or salvaging construction and demolition materials rather than landfilling them. These, and other green remediation practices, will be considered and implemented when appropriate in the ECIBC brownfields program.

*b.ii. Integrating Equitable Development or Livability Principles*

This project supports a number of the HUD-DOT-EPA Livability Principles.

- Enhance economic competitiveness. The ECIBC brownfields initiative will assess, remediate and redevelop brownfields and provide opportunities for communities to breathe new economic life into abandoned, blighted brownfield properties in the area. In doing so, ECIBC communities, in partnership with private developers, businesses, and other partners will pave the way for business opportunities, employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other worker and community needs, as well as expanded business access to markets.
- Support existing communities. Partnering with USEPA, the ECIBC will direct brownfields funding toward existing communities to implement redevelopment strategies, revitalize communities and neighborhoods, improve the efficiency of public works investments, and safeguard agricultural land and rural landscapes by encouraging land recycling.
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment. ECIBC’s use of federal brownfields funds will help remove barriers to collaboration and economic redevelopment, leverage public and private funding, and increase the region’s ability to plan for future growth.
- Value communities and neighborhoods. ECIBC’s brownfields program is committed to investing in the health, safety and vitality of neighborhoods and communities.

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/greenercleanups/pdfs/methodology.pdf>

***c. Economic and Community Benefits (long-term benefits)***

***c.i. Economic or Non-Economic Benefits***

While it certainly is natural to view the brownfields in the ECIBC region as liabilities that represent blight and disinvestment, they also are assets – sites that hold the promise of future economic benefits such as increased employment, expanded tax base, and improved overall economic climate. Left unchecked, however, the blight that comes with brownfields has the potential to expand and intensify over time as more industrial and commercial buildings reach the end of their useful lives.

While redevelopment plans have not been developed for most brownfields, the expectation is that many of them will have commercial and industrial reuses, which will bring the benefits of job creation, increased tax base, and improved economic conditions, to the communities and the region. In light of the closures and layoffs shown in Table 3, those are benefits that will be both welcome and beneficial.

***c.ii. Job Creation Potential: Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs***

While there are no USEPA Brownfields Job Training grantees in the region, CCRPC administers the local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) office and will ensure that the appropriate connections are made between the brownfields program and the WIA office in regards to local hiring opportunities created by the brownfields program. In addition, CCRPC will consider local hiring preference language in its contract procurement documents.

**5. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance**

***a. Programmatic Capability***

The Brownfields Program Management System that will be implemented at the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission will consist of Rita Moroccoima-Black, Director of Planning and Community Development, as Project Manager and Ercelina Wolfe, Fiscal Specialist, providing support. Ms. Black has extensive experience managing federal- and state-funded projects. From 2000 to 2014, she prepared the annual Unified Technical Work Program for the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area (CUUATS) and managed the annual federal and state federal funding allocation. In addition, she has managed a number of federal- and state-funded corridor studies from 2003 to 2010, and a federal/state grant administered by Illinois DOT for a University of Illinois Traffic Circulation Study between 2011 and 2013. Ms. Black has been with CCRPC since 2009 and with CUUATS since 2000. Ms. Wolfe, a Fiscal Specialist III with CCRPC, has been employed with the agency for 14 years. She has successfully managed the fiscal administration of 17 federal and state transportation and planning grants, the Community Services Block Grant Program, Individual Support and Services Advocacy Program, loan fund reconciliation, and reporting for a number of agency programs.

The Project Manager will be responsible for overall management of the work plan and coordination of activities with USEPA, Illinois EPA, and the QEC. The Project Manager will oversee the Project Management Team (PMT) and will be responsible for tracking progress on work plan activities on a regular, ongoing basis. The Project Manager also will be responsible for developing and submitting all reports required under the USEPA Cooperative Agreement and making updates to the ACRES database on a quarterly basis for all properties that undergo assessment and cleanup planning activities.

Support staff will coordinate PMT and public meetings, keeping meeting minutes, tracking outputs and outcomes, processing invoices and submitting funds drawdown requests on a monthly basis.

At the beginning of the project period of performance, the Project Manager will create a project timeline and task plan that will serve as the master schedule for the project. This timeline/task plan will be used by the Project Manager and PMT to ensure that tasks stay on time to ensure the ECIBC's ability to accomplish all work plan tasks within the three year period of performance.

The ECIBC, led by the CCRPC, will acquire the expertise and resources of a Qualified Environmental Consultant (QEC) to lead the technical aspects of the work plan and assist with procurement of contracted assessment services. All procurements under this grant will be in compliance with CCRPC's procurement guidelines, as well as those outlined in the Cooperative Agreement.

***b. Audit Findings***

CCRPC has not had any adverse audit findings or problems with the administration of any grants.

**c. Past Performance and Accomplishments**

*c.ii. Has Not Received a Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements*

As demonstrated in Table 7 below, the CCRPC has extensive experience managing other federal and non-federal assistance programs. Five of the most recent examples are included below, and demonstrate CCRPC's proven ability to responsibly and successfully manage grant funds; execute a work plan efficiently, on budget and on time; and help communities achieve significant goals and improvements through sound management and wise stewardship of funds.

<b>Table 7: Past Performance with Other Federal and Non-Federal Assistance Agreements</b>					
Agency	USDA Rural Community Development Institute	FTA & Illinois Dept of Transportation	Illinois Emergency Mgmt Agency	IL Dept of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	US Dept of Energy
Amount of funding	\$71,375	\$250,000	\$49,000	\$400,000	\$1,000,000
Purpose of grant	Educational opportunities for government officials in low-income rural communities	Complete a GIS-based inventory and assessment of sidewalk conditions	2015 update to the Champaign County Hazard Mitigation Plan	Sanitary storm sewer system separation in Milford, IL	ARRA energy efficiency and community block grant
Accomplishments	Will provide 16 workshops to 23 rural communities in East Central Illinois	First community-wide sidewalk inventory using GIS	Updated county-wide plan	Improvements to health and safety factors within sewer system	20 energy efficiency projects in six counties
Outputs	Courses; course materials	Interactive GIS map layers of 700 mile sidewalk system	Hazard risk assessments; community resources inventories	Infrastructure improvements	Alternative energy improvements
Outcomes	Increased awareness of opportunities and tools to accomplish efficient, effective local government administration	Better sidewalk maintenance, improved connectivity for pedestrians, increased safety	Better prepared communities; decreased cost of mitigating disasters	Separated sanitary and storm sewers in a residential area of the community	Energy savings; budget savings
Measures of success	Number of courses; number of participants; number of grants applied for/received post-course; energy savings	Number of sidewalks assessed; number of sidewalk improvement projects undertaken post assessment	Number of participating communities; number of resources used based on knowledge of plan	Construction completed; cost savings allowed for additional related drainage project	Units of energy saved; money saved; other project enabled due to grant
Compliance with work plan and schedule	Work plan was accomplished on schedule	Work plan was accomplished on schedule	Work plan was accomplished on schedule	Work plan was accomplished on schedule	Work plan was accomplished on schedule
Compliance with reporting requirements	In compliance with reporting requirements	In compliance with reporting requirements	In compliance with reporting requirements	In compliance with reporting requirements	In compliance with reporting requirements

### Assessment Other Factors Checklist

Name of Applicant: Champaign County Regional Planning Coalition on behalf of the East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition

Please identify (with an x) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

	Other Factor	Page
	Community population is 10,000 or less.	
	Federally recognized Indian tribe.	
	United States territory.	
	Applicant will assist a Tribe or territory.	
	Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land.	
	Targeted brownfield sites are contaminated with controlled substances.	
X	Recent natural disaster(s) (2006 or later) occurred within community, causing significant community economic and environmental distress.	5
	Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments.	
	Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation.	
X	Community experienced manufacturing plant/power plant closure(s) (2008 or later) tied to the targeted brownfield sites or project area, including communities experiencing auto plant/power plant closures due to bankruptcy or economic disruptions.	5, 14
	Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption ( <u>unrelated</u> to a natural disaster or manufacturing/auto plant/power plant closure) has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	
	Applicant is one of the 12 recipients, or a core partner/implementation strategy party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). To be considered, <b>applicants must clearly demonstrate in the proposal the nexus between their IMCP designation and the Brownfield activities. Additionally, applicants must attach documentation</b> which demonstrate either designation as one of the 12 recipients, or relevant pages from a recipient’s IMCP proposal which lists/describes the core partners and implementation strategy parties. A core partner/implementation strategy party is a local partner organization/jurisdiction that will carry out the proposed strategy, as demonstrated in letters of commitment or memoranda of understanding which documents their contributions, roles, and responsibilities to the partnership. EDA may provide to EPA a list of the core partners/implementation strategy parties for each of the 12 “manufacturing community” designees, which EPA would use to verify this other factor.	
	Applicant will serve an area designated as a federal, state, or local Empowerment Zone or Renewal Community. To be considered, <b>applicant must attach documentation</b> which demonstrates this current designation.	



Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant funding or technical assistance that is directly tied to the proposed Brownfields project, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant/technical assistance has or will benefit the project area. Examples of PSC grant or technical assistance include a HUD Regional Planning or Challenge grant, DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), or EPA Smart Growth Implementation or Building Blocks Assistance, etc. To be considered, <b>applicant must attach documentation.</b>	
Applicant is a HUD Promise Zone community. To be considered, <b>applicant must attach documentation.</b>	
Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.	

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## **Attachment A: Threshold Criteria**

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**Name of Applicant:** East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition (ECIBC), with Champaign County (Illinois) Regional Planning Commission as lead applicant and Douglas County, Illinois, Piatt County, Illinois, and Village of Rantoul, Illinois as coalition members

### **1. Applicant Eligibility.**

The Lead Applicant, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is an eligible applicant and has the authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with the USEPA as a regional planning commission created under the authority of Chapter 55, Act 5, Section 50140017 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. A resolution documenting CCRPC's status as an eligible applicant is attached to and made a part of this threshold criteria response.

Douglas County, Illinois, is a legally established general purpose unit of local government and has the authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with the USEPA.

Piatt County, Illinois, is a legally established general purpose unit of local government and has the authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with the USEPA.

The Village of Rantoul, Illinois, is an incorporated municipality of Illinois and has the authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with the USEPA as a general purpose unit of local government.

### **2. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority**

A letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency acknowledging the coalition's plans to conduct assessment activities and to apply for federal grant funds is attached to, and made a part of, this threshold criteria response.

### **3. Community Involvement**

The ECIBC understands the importance of including a broad base of community members and other stakeholders in any economic development project, but perhaps even more so for a brownfields project which requires a greater degree of community education about environmental health and risks. To that end, the ECIBC has plans to involve community members and other stakeholders in an ongoing and meaningful way in this project, and particularly in the process of prioritizing brownfields sites for assessment, cleanup planning, and eventual cleanup and redevelopment. ECIBC will make efforts to include a broad base of stakeholders throughout the ECIBC area, including neighborhood and community organizations, citizen groups, property owners, lenders, business organizations and developers in the planning and implementation of the project. In particular, ECIBC will make concerted effort to involve those individuals and groups often underrepresented in planning and redevelopment decision-making.

The ECIBC will form a Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC), a broad base of diverse stakeholders from throughout the ECIBC area, to provide advice and counsel on project planning, prioritization, and cleanup and redevelopment planning. The BRAC will meet at least quarterly throughout the project period of performance and will provide valuable assistance

in soliciting involvement from a wide group of stakeholders in community meetings throughout the project.

In addition to community meetings, the ECIBC will make project information available through a web site, press releases, and other media venues throughout the project period. Brownfields fact sheets will provide in-depth information about sites that progress to Phase II ESAs in order to provide residents and property owners surrounding the sites with information on how ECIBC, its QEC and environmental assessment contractors will ensure human health and safety during the course of assessment activities.

The ECIBC is committed to providing information access to all who desire to participate in the process. The percentage of on-English speakers in the ECIBC area is relatively low; however, the ECIBC will provide translation services where appropriate. To accommodate persons with disabilities, all public meetings will be held in accessibilities, and materials will be provided in media accessible to persons with visual impairments, upon request.

Additional information about the ECIBC's community involvement plans is included in the project narrative that is part of this proposal.

**4. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility (Site-Specific Proposals Only)**

This is a community-wide coalition assessment grant application; this criterion does not apply.

**Attachment B: Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority**

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# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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PAT QUINN, GOVERNOR

LISA BONNETT, DIRECTOR

November 10, 2014

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission  
Attn: Ms. Susan Chavarria  
Regional Planning Manager  
1776 East Washington  
Urbana, IL 61802

Dear Ms. Chavarria:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has received your request for a letter of acknowledgement for an upcoming Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant application to U.S. EPA. As the lead coalition member, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) intends to apply for \$600,000 to be used for both petroleum and hazardous substance sites.

Coalition members include the CCRPC; Douglas County; Piatt County; and the Village of Rantoul.

Illinois EPA acknowledges the CCRPC's efforts to obtain federal Brownfields funds for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Charles of my staff at (217) 785-3846 or by email at [mike.charles@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.charles@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

*Steve Colantino* by M.C.

Steve Colantino, Manager  
Office of Brownfields Assistance

c: Brad Bradley – U.S. EPA Region 5  
Romona Smith – U.S. EPA Region 5

## **Attachment C: Documentation of Applicant Eligibility**

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**RESOLUTION CREATING THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION No. 913  
(THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION CREATING THE CHAMPAIGN  
COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION)**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 55, Act 5, Section 5-14001 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (1998) allows the County Board to create, by resolution, a Regional Planning Commission and define the boundaries it will serve; and

**WHEREAS**, a Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is currently in existence, its creation having been authorized by Champaign County Board Resolutions No. 525-A, approved December 6, 1966, and No. 913, approved September 12, 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 55, Act 5, Section 5-14001 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (1998) delegates to the County Board the authority to determine the members of the Regional Planning Commission, as well as their method of appointment, powers and authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign County Board has determined that it is appropriate to authorize and designate membership, methods of appointment and powers of the Regional Planning Commission differing from those provided in Resolution Nos. 525-A and No. 913; and

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign County Board has determined that the whole of Champaign County, Illinois should have a plan for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of Champaign County, and of public improvements and utilities therein, which plan will, in accordance with the present and future needs of Champaign County, promote health, safety, morals, order convenience, prosperity, efficiency and economy in the development of Champaign County and the general welfare of the residents of Champaign County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign County Board has determined that a Regional Planning Commission serving the whole of Champaign County, Illinois is necessary for the development and management of the above-described plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that all territory contained within Champaign County, Illinois shall be designated as the "Champaign County Region" (hereinafter "Region") and a Regional Planning Commission, to be designated "Champaign County Regional Planning Commission" (hereinafter "Commission"), is hereby created to serve the Region, as and to the full extent authorized by Chapter 55, Act 5, Section 5-14001 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (1998).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution hereby supersedes Resolutions No. 525-A and No. 913 and other resolutions purporting to create or govern a Regional Planning Commission within or for Champaign County, Illinois.

Resolution No. 4249

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission shall be constituted and its membership shall be as follows:

- 1) The Chairman of the Champaign County Board and two other representatives, as appointed by the Champaign County Board Chair with the advice and consent of the Champaign County Board;
- 2) The Mayor of the City of Champaign, and one representative appointed by the City Council according to their rules and procedures;
- 3) The Mayor of the City of Urbana, and one representative appointed by the City Council according to their rules and procedures;
- 4) The Mayor of the Village of Rantoul or one representative appointed by the Village Board according to their rules and procedures;
- 5) The chief executive officer, or one representative appointed by the Village Board according to their rules and procedures, of up to five (5) other incorporated municipalities located within Champaign County whose application for membership on the Commission is approved by a majority of the votes cast by the members of the Commission and which complies with all other requirements for membership on the Commission; and
- 6) One representative appointed for a two (2) year term by majority vote of the other members of the Commission to represent the interests of low income and minority groups within Champaign County.
- 7) The County Board Chairman, Mayors of the City of Champaign, City of Urbana and Village of Rantoul and the chief executive officers of other municipalities may change or alter the designee representing them on the Commission, if any, without limitation, but shall advise all members of the Commission in writing in advance of the appointment or alteration of such designee.
- 8) Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as appointments.
- 9) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

- 1) Continued membership on the Commission and the right to vote upon matters to be determined by the Commission shall be contingent upon prompt payment by each member municipality of their annual contribution to the operations of the Commission, the amount of which shall be fixed annually by a majority of the vote cast by members of the Commission, with the additional requirement that said vote includes the unanimous agreement by the Chief Elected Officer of each of the four Charter Member units of government.
- 2) The Commission may set different annual contribution amounts for different members of the Commission.

- 3) None of the following members of the Commission shall be required to make annual contributions exceeding that of any of the other of the following members without its consent: Champaign County, the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana and Village of Rantoul.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the officers, meetings and rules governing the operation of the Commission shall be as follows:

- 1) A Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Commission and shall oversee the implementation of the policies and actions of the Commission.
- 2) The Commission may from time to time authorize the Chairman to execute contracts and other documents on behalf of the Commission and to represent the Commission in its dealings with other public and private entities.
- 3) The term of the Chairman shall be for one (1) year, commencing at the January meeting of the Commission.
- 4) The Chairman shall rotate annually among the following members of the Commission, or their designees, and in the following order beginning in 2001: Champaign County Board Chairman; Mayor of the Village of Rantoul; Mayor of the City of Urbana, Mayor of the City of Champaign.
- 5) The Commission shall meet on a regular basis as provided for in the by-laws of the Commission.
- 6) Rules and procedures for the transaction of business and the conduct of meetings of the Commission shall be provided for in the by-laws of the Commission.
- 7) Meetings of the Commission shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as amended.
- 8) The Commission shall adopt such by-laws as it deems necessary or appropriate to the performance of its duties, including rules and procedures for the transaction of business and the conduct of meetings of the Commission..
- 9) Until the adoption of new or amended by-laws by the Commission, those previously adopted by the Commission as constituted prior to the enactment of this Resolution shall remain the by-laws of the Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** as follows:

- ) All actions of the Commission shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast by the members, however, the Commission may act by consensus if no member objects.
- 2) Votes of the members of the Commission shall be as follows:
  - a) Champaign County - 2 votes for each representative
  - b) City of Champaign - 2 votes for each representative
  - c) City of Urbana - 2 votes for each representative



- d) Village of Rantoul - 2 votes for each representative
- e) Low income and minority group representative - 1 vote; and
- f) Each other member municipalities - 1 vote for each representative

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission shall have the powers and duties set forth in Division 5-14 of Act 5 of Chapter 55 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (1998), as amended, including, without limitation, the following:

- 1) The Commission shall develop an advisory plan for the Region for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the Region, and of public improvements and utilities therein, for the promotion of the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, efficiency and economy in the process of development and the general welfare of the Region, in accordance with the present and future needs of the Region.
- 2) The Commission shall make such investigations and gather such statistics as it may deem necessary for the planning and development of the Region and shall make a plan of the Region that includes all matters the Commission deems necessary for the development of the Region.
- 3) The Commission may employ such assistance as the Commission deems necessary to carry out its authorized functions, subject to budgetary restrictions. This includes the authority to hire, terminate, direct and discipline full-time and part-time, permanent and temporary employees, who shall be employees of Champaign County.
- 4) The Commission may retain and determine the compensation of an Executive Director, who shall be responsible for implementing the policies, decisions and directions of the Commission and directing and managing the employees of the Commission.
- 5) With the concurrence of the County Board, the Commission shall adopt an annual budget for the operations of the Commission.
- 6) With the concurrence of the County Board, the Commission may accept, receive and expend funds, grants and services from the federal government, or its agencies, and from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the State of Illinois or local governments.
- 7) The Commission may contract with respect to any funds, grants or services from whatever source derived.
- 8) The commission may provide such information and reports as may be necessary to secure financial aid.

**PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED AND RECORDED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June  
2000.

W. Stephen Moser  
W. Stephen Moser, Chair  
Champaign County Board

ATTEST: Mark Sheldon  
Mark Sheldon County Clerk and  
ex-officio Clerk of the County Board

## **Attachment D: Letters of Commitment from Community Organizations**

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December 12, 2014

[stenhouse@kirbyhealth.org](mailto:stenhouse@kirbyhealth.org)

Mr. Brad Bradley  
USEPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
SM-7J  
Chicago IL 60604-3507

RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bradley:

Kirby Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital that is committed to providing quality care to the people of Piatt County, regardless of their ability to pay. Kirby Medical Center has collaborated with the City of Monticello for nearly five years on community projects, specifically a tax-increment financing (TIF) redevelopment agreement for 108 acres of property where Kirby Medical Center built and opened a new \$30 million replacement hospital, and negotiated the sale of property in the TIF that resulted in a \$7 million assisted living facility. We look forward to actively working with the City of Monticello to improve community health and vitality through its Brownfields Program.

We strongly urge the USEPA's support and funding of the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application, which will focus efforts on transforming abandoned, environmentally contaminated sites to useful, productive properties in our communities, creating jobs and economic opportunities for residents.

As the chief executive officer of Kirby Medical Center, I understand the need for a healthy, sustainable environment to protect the residents of our communities and to bolster our public health and economic growth.

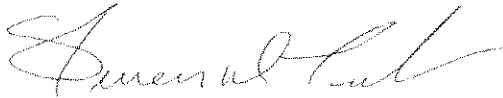
I offer my support for the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) application for USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding. As an ongoing partner in the City of Monticello's community development efforts, I can see the need for, and value of, brownfields assessment for the communities in East Central Illinois.

Over the next three years, we will contribute to the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's program in the following ways:

1. By serving as a member of the ECIBC Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee [BRAC]. This commitment will include, at minimum, participation in advisory meetings totaling approximately 18 hours over two years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$4,000.
2. By working with the ECIBC on identification and prioritization of brownfields sites. This commitment will include, at minimum, approximately 10 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$3,400.
3. By participating in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of assisting the ECIBC in reaching a wide and diverse group of citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields inventorying, prioritization and assessment process. This commitment will include, at minimum, approximately 10 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$3,400.

The economic revitalization of East Central Illinois is a high priority for Kirby Medical Center. I know that the ECIBC is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive economic and green space uses. But it cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of ECIBC's application, which will help the coalition advance planning and revitalization efforts in our community. I remain,

Very truly yours,



Steven D. Tenhouse, MHA, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer



# City of Arcola

114 N. Locust Street  
P.O. Box 215

Arcola, Illinois 61910

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CAROL TURNER - City Clerk  
FRED HARVEY - Treasurer  
ANDREW BEQUETTE - City Attorney

Mr. Brad Bradley  
USEPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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Chicago IL 60604-3507

RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As the City Administrator of the City of Arcola, I understand the need for a healthy, sustainable environment to protect the residents of our communities and to bolster our public health and economic growth.

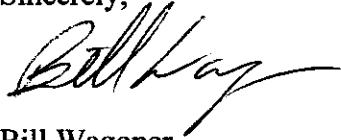
I offer my support for the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) application for USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding. As an ongoing partner in Douglas County's community development efforts, I can see the need for, and value of, brownfields assessment for the communities in East Central Illinois.

Over the next three years, we will contribute to the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's program in the following ways

1. By serving as a member of the ECIBC Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee [BRAC]. This commitment will include, at minimum, participation in advisory meetings totaling approximately 18 hours over two years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$1,350.
2. By working with the ECIBC on identification and prioritization of brownfields sites. This commitment will include, at minimum, approximately 10 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$750.
3. By participating in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of assisting the ECIBC in reaching a wide and diverse group of citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields inventorying, prioritization and assessment process. This commitment will include, at minimum, approximately 10 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$750.
4. By assisting in communications and negotiations with brownfields property owners for the purpose of gaining access for brownfields assessment activities. This commitment will include, at minimum, 15 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$1,125.

The economic revitalization of East Central Illinois is a high priority for the City of Arcola and Douglas County. I know that the ECIBC is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive economic and green space uses. But it cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of ECIBC's application, which will help the coalition advance planning and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Wagoner", with a stylized, flowing script.

Bill Wagoner  
City Administrator

# ***VILLAGE OF CISCO***



*P.O. Box 130, Cisco, IL 61830-0130*

*Village President: Paula Chumbley*

*(217)-669-2163*

*Village Clerk: Rita Hatfield*

Nov. 12, 2014

Mr. Brad Bradley  
USEPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
SM-7J  
Chicago IL 60604-3507

RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As a Trustee of the Village and the Chief of the Cisco Fire Protection District, I understand the need for a healthy, sustainable environment to protect the residents of our communities and to bolster our public health and economic growth.

I offer my support and the support of these two organizations for the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) application for USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding. As an ongoing partner in the community development efforts of the Cisco area, I can see the need for, and value of, brownfields assessment for the communities in East Central Illinois.

Over the next three years, we will contribute to the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's program in the following ways

1. By participating in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of assisting the ECIBC in reaching a wide and diverse group of area citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields inventorying, prioritization and assessment process. This commitment will include, at minimum, approximately 10 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$200.
2. By assisting in communications with brownfields property owners in our area for the purpose of gaining access for brownfields assessment activities. This commitment will include, at minimum, 6 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$120.
3. By participating in coordination between brownfields planning activities and the Village of Cisco and the Cisco Fire Protection District. This commitment will include, at minimum, 20 hours over two years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$400.
4. By offering the physical resources and manpower of the Village of Cisco and the Cisco Fire Protection District to assist with traffic control, fire and dust protection, and any other local resources which will facilitate the clean-up and the security of the area. We are willing to commit up to 20 hours in this portion of the endeavor with an estimated in-kind value \$1000.



4. By offering the physical resources and manpower of the Village of Cisco and the Cisco Fire Protection District to assist with traffic control, fire and dust protection, and any other local resources which will facilitate the clean-up and the security of the area. We are willing to commit up to 20 hours in this portion of the endeavor with an estimated in-kind value \$1000.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 217-778-1358.

The economic revitalization of East Central Illinois is a high priority for all of us in the Village of Cisco and our area. I know that the ECIBC is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive economic and green space uses. But it cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of ECIBC's application, which will help the coalition advance planning and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald L. Weishaar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being more prominent.

Ronald L. Weishaar  
Village Trustee  
Chief, Cisco Fire Protection District



## *Village of Cerro Gordo*

*231 East South St., P.O. Box 497  
Cerro Gordo, Illinois 61818-0497*

*Mayor Brad Williams*

*Village Trustees: Trustee Mike Gross - Trustee Dick Seitz Trustee- Tim Allen*

*Trustee Mike Martin – Trustee Jeff Powers-Trustee Terry Marvin*

*Treasurer Stacy Henderson*

*Village Clerk Linda Ash*

*Director of Public Works- Mark Blickensderfer*

*Chief of Police- Patrick Carter*

December 15, 2014

Mr. Brad Bradley  
USEPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
SM-7J  
Chicago IL 60604-3507

RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant  
Application

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As Village President of the Village of Cerro Gordo, I understand the need for a healthy, sustainable environment to protect the residents of our communities and to bolster our public health and economic growth.

I offer my support for the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) application for USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding. As an ongoing partner in Cerro Gordo's community development efforts, I can see the need for, and value of, brownfields assessment for the communities in East Central Illinois.

Over the next three years, we will contribute to the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's program in the following ways

The economic revitalization of East Central Illinois is a high priority for the Village of Cerro Gordo. I know that the ECIBC is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive economic and green space uses. But it cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of ECIBC's application, which will help the coalition advance planning and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

*Bradley R. Williams*

Bradley R Williams  
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## MONTICELLO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #25

**VICTOR E. ZIMMERMAN, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Brad Bradley  
USEPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
SM-7J  
Chicago IL 60604-3507

December 15, 2014

RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I write this letter in support of the City of Monticello working together with the Village of Rantoul and the City of Tuscola to form the **East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) Brownfield's Coalition**. Together they are applying for this grant through the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund and assist with site assessment and enrollment in the Site Remediation Program (SRP). SRP enrollment is also key in applying for future and further brownfields grant funding for site remediation. Specific to our needs, there are several sites around Piatt County and in the City of Monticello that have been identified for this program in order to allow for clean redevelopment. Our sites potentially include the former Amoco building and former General Cable property, in addition to several others in Monticello and around the county in Cisco, Cerro Gordo and Atwood.

The Monticello CUSD #25 has a vested interest in ensuring vitality in our community and is supportive of efforts to improve existing opportunities and to find new opportunities for not only the City of Monticello and Piatt County, but for all of central Illinois. We commend these three entities for working collaboratively toward a common goal and we strongly support this effort.

We urge the USEPA's support and funding of the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application. Additionally, as a current member of the community economic development work group, I offer my personal support for this application. I have an interest in serving as a member of the ECIBC Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee [BRAC] if I am called upon. This commitment would involve participation in advisory meetings and would include the identification and prioritization of brownfields sites.

As government entities, we must always be looking for ways to improve our economic infrastructure in order to create new potential for viable businesses in our communities. These types of efforts only serve the best interests for our citizens as we look to the future for our communities and the greater East Central Illinois area. I urge the USEPA's funding for the ECIBC application, which will assist the coalition in advance planning and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

Victor Zimmerman, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

*It's a Great Day to be a Sage!*



PO Box 392, Monticello, IL 61856 Phone 217-762-9318 Fax 217-762-9307 [www.MonticelloMainStreet.org](http://www.MonticelloMainStreet.org) [info@monticellomainstreet.org](mailto:info@monticellomainstreet.org)

December 12, 2014

Mr. Brad Bradley  
USEPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
SM-7J  
Chicago IL 60604-3507

RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As Executive Director of the Monticello Main Street, I understand the need for a healthy sustainable environment to protect the residents of our communities and to bolster our public health and economic growth.

I offer my support for the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) application for USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding. As an ongoing partner in Monticello's community development efforts, I can see the need for, and value of, brownfields assessment for the communities in East Central Illinois.

Over the next three years, we will contribute to the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's program in the following ways:

1. By participating in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of assisting the ECIBC in reaching a wide and diverse group of citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields' inventorying prioritization and assessment process. This commitment will include, at minimum, approximately 10 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$350.
2. By assisting in communications and negotiations with brownfields property owners for the purpose of gaining access for brownfields assessment activities. This commitment will include, at minimum, 15 hours over three years, for an in-kind equivalent of \$525.

The economic revitalization of East Central Illinois is a high priority for Monticello Main Street. I know that the ECIBC is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive, economic and green space uses. It cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of ECIBC's application, which will help the coalition advance planning and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,

Kerry Redshaw  
Executive Director  
Monticello Main Street

**ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



**ADAM BROWN**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE 102<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT**

**SPRINGFIELD OFFICE**  
314 Capitol  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
217-782-8398  
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**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
510 S. Staley  
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**December 16, 2014**

**Mr. Brad Bradley**  
**USEPA Region 5**  
**77 West Jackson Boulevard**  
**SM-7J**  
**Chicago, IL 60604-3507**

**RE: East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition Brownfields Assessment Grant Application**

**Dear Mr. Bradley**

**As the State Representative for the 102<sup>nd</sup> district, I have an obligation to the residents of my communities to help protect the environment and develop strong economic growth.**

**I strongly urge the USEPA's support and funding of the East Central Illinois Brownfield Coalition's (ECIBC) Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant application, which will allow the region to focus efforts on transforming abandoned, environmentally contaminated sites to useful, productive properties in my district, creating jobs and economic opportunities for residents.**

**East Central Illinois is in high demand for economic revitalization. I know the ECIBC is dedicated to redeveloping Brownfields properties to create productive economic, green space uses. All this can be done with USEPA's financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of ECIBC's application.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Brown".

**Adam Brown**  
**State Representative, 102<sup>nd</sup> District**

## **Attachment E: Documentation of Commitment of Leverage Funds**

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Please see Attachment D for commitments.

**Attachment F: Justification for Request for Waiver of \$200,000/site Limit**

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This attachment is not applicable to this application.

## **Attachment G: Property Specific Determination Request**

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This attachment is not applicable to this application.



**Attachment H: Letters of Commitment from Coalition Members**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELD COALITION  
ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM (FY 2015)**

**WHEREAS**, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is interested in serving as the lead agency of the East Central Illinois Brownfields Coalition ("coalition") for the purpose of applying to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a grant to fund Brownfields Assessment, and

**WHEREAS**, the other coalition members include the County of Douglas, Illinois; the County of Piatt, Illinois; and the Village of Rantoul, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that the CCRPC complete and file a written application on behalf of the coalition and then enter into a written agreement with the USEPA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION** as follows:

**Section 1.** That the foregoing Recitals are not mere preparatory language, but are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if said Recitals were fully set forth.

**Section 2.** That the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is hereby authorized to apply for a Six Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$600,000) grant on behalf of the coalition members listed above and for the purposes as outlined above under the terms and conditions as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois and hereby agrees to the understandings and assurances contained in said application. This grant requires no local matching funds.

**Section 3.** That the CCRPC Board Chair and Executive Director are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

**Section 4.** The CCRPC Board authorizes the CCRPC to sign and execute any and all documents necessary for the completion of said application, acceptance of such grant, and execution of grant agreements to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 5.** That the provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any portion of this Resolution to be invalid or unenforceable, said decision shall not affect any portion of this Resolution, other than the part declared invalid or unenforceable. The CCRPC Board hereby declares that it would have enacted this Resolution even with the invalid or unenforceable portion deleted.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

**Section 7.** That any resolution or motion in conflict with this Resolution is hereby repealed insofar as it conflicts with this Resolution.

**RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, URBANA, ILLINOIS** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2014.

  
Pamela Schroeder, Board Secretary

**APPROVED** by the Chair of the Board of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Urbana, Illinois this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2014.

  
Laurel Prussing, Board Chair



**Douglas County Board  
Chairman**

***Charles M. Knox***

100 Hickory Lane

Villa Grove, IL 61956

Phone: 217-832-8095

e-mail: cmknox@mchsi.com

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

**Ms. Susan Chavarria  
Regional Planning Manager  
Champaign County Regional Planning Commission  
1776 East Washington Street  
Urbana, IL 61802**

**Dear Ms. Chavarria:**

**Douglas County is pleased to partner with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) in seeking a USEPA Brownfield's Coalition Assessment Grant. I believe this coalition, consisting of CCRPC, the Village of Rantoul, Douglas County, and Piatt County has the initiative and resources to successfully carry out the grant activities, including inventorying and assessing Brownfield's properties, and then leveraging other resources to clean up and redevelop the sites.**

**Brian Moody will represent Douglas County in this coalition initiative. In this capacity, he will attend coalition meetings, participate in community and stakeholder engagement efforts, present potential sites, and assist in coordination with Brownfield property owners in order to complete the tasks outlined in the proposal.**

**Thank you for including Douglas County in the efforts of the Brownfield's Coalition.**

**Sincerely,**

# **PIATT COUNTY BOARD**

Courthouse Room 107 ~ 101 W. Washington Street  
Monticello, IL 61856-1681  
Phone: 217.762.9487 / Fax: 217.762.7563

**William John Lyons (Chairman) ~ Thomas E. Dobson (Vice-Chairman)**  
**Randy Jo Keith ~ Kathleen Piatt ~ Michael D. Wileaver ~ Richard G. Wilkin**

Colleen Kidd (County Clerk & Recorder) ~ Trish Gale (Secretary)

November 12, 2014

Ms. Susan Chavarria  
Regional Planning Manager  
Champaign County Regional Planning Commission  
1776 East Washington Street  
Urbana, IL 61802

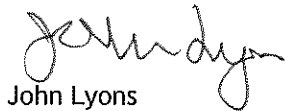
Dear Ms. Chavarria:

Piatt County is pleased to partner with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) in seeking a USEPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant. I believe this coalition, consisting of CCRPC, the Village of Rantoul, Douglas County, and Piatt County has the initiative and resources to successfully carry out the grant activities, including inventorying and assessing brownfields properties, and then leveraging other resources to clean up and redevelop the sites.

Callie Jo McFarland will represent Piatt County in this coalition initiative. In this capacity, she will attend coalition meetings, participate in community and stakeholder engagement efforts, present potential sites, and assist in coordination with brownfield property owners in order to complete the tasks outlined in the proposal.

Thank you for including Piatt County in the efforts of the brownfields coalition.

Sincerely,



John Lyons  
Piatt County Board Chairman



333 S. Tanner Street  
P.O. Box 38  
Rantoul, IL 61866

Phone 217.892.6800  
Fax 217.892.5501

December 17, 2014

Susan Chavarria  
Regional Planning Manager  
Champaign County Regional Planning Commission  
1776 East Washington Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61802

Dear Ms. Chavarria:

The Village of Rantoul is pleased to partner with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) in seeking a USEPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant. I believe this coalition, consisting of CCRPC, Douglas County, Piatt County, and the Village of Rantoul has the initiative and resources to successfully carry out the grant activities, including inventorying and assessing brownfields properties, and then leveraging other resources to clean up and redevelop the sites.

Michael Loschen will represent the Village of Rantoul in this coalition initiative. In this capacity, he will attend coalition meetings, participate in community and stakeholder engagement efforts, present potential sites, and assist in coordination with brownfield property owners in order to complete the tasks outlined in the proposal.

Thank you for including the Village of Rantoul in the efforts of the brownfields coalition.

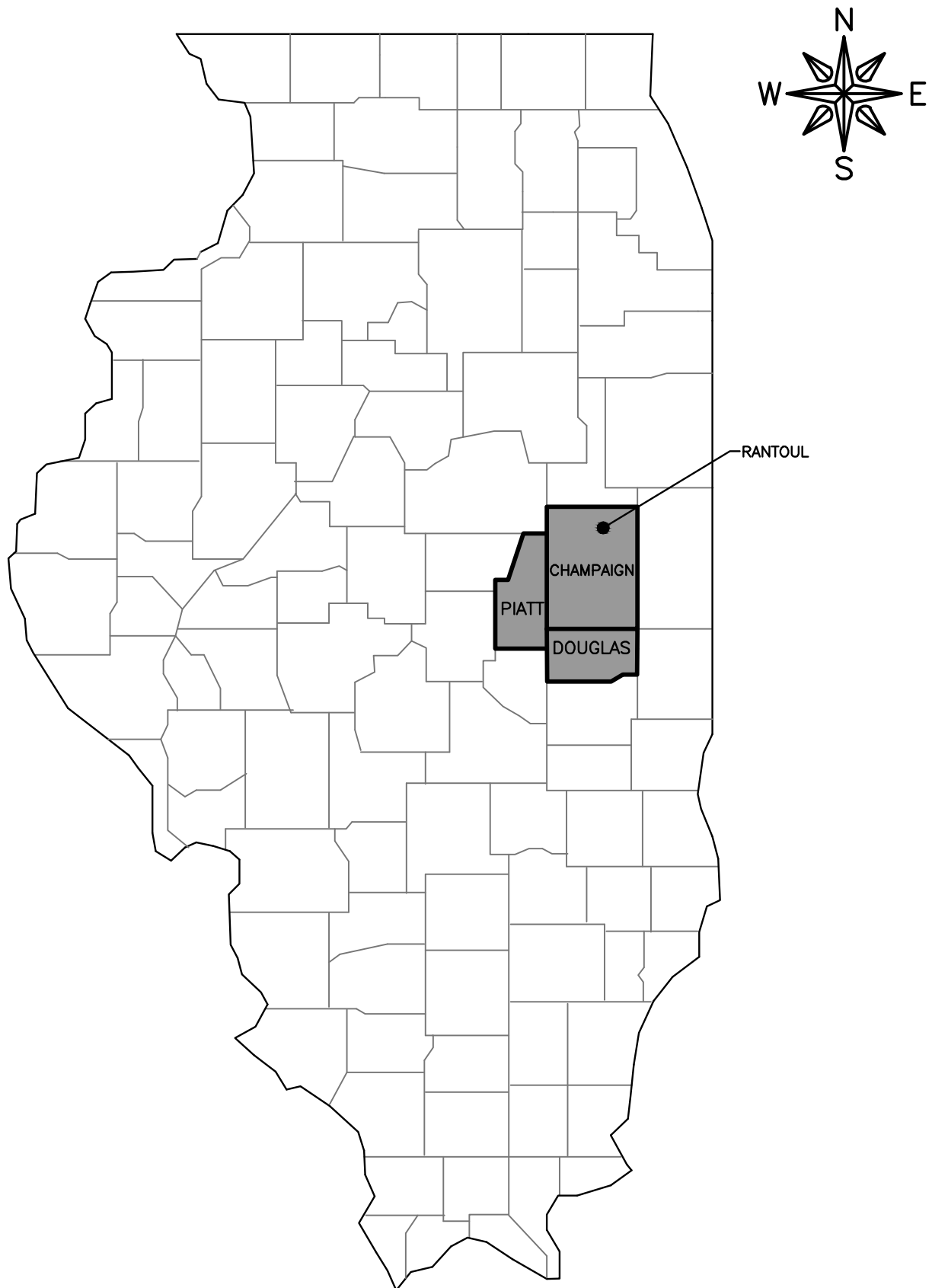
Sincerely,

Jeff Fiegenschuh  
Village Administrator

## **Attachment I: Petroleum Eligibility Determination Information**

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This attachment is not applicable to this application.



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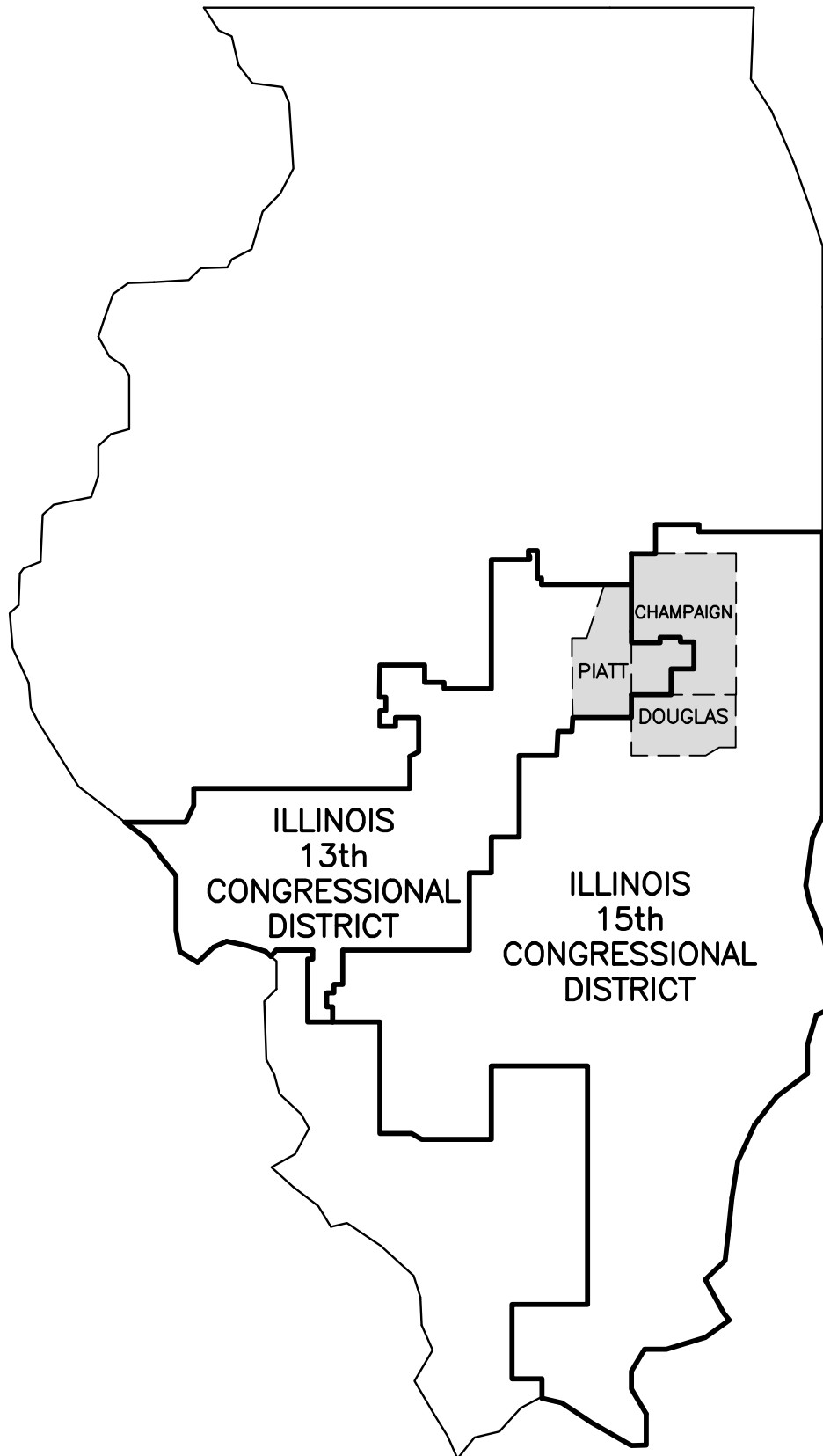
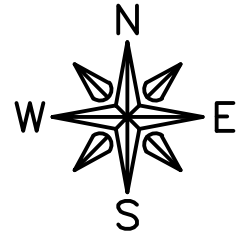
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## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

**\* 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

**\* 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

**\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

**\* Other (Specify):**

**\* 3. Date Received:**

12/18/2014

**4. Applicant Identifier:**

**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:**

**5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

**State Use Only:**

**6. Date Received by State:**

**7. State Application Identifier:**

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**\* a. Legal Name:** Champaign County Regional Planning Commission

**\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

37-60066910

**\* c. Organizational DUNS:**

0973228610000

**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:** 1776 East Washington Street

**Street2:**

**\* City:** Urbana

**County/Parish:**

**\* State:** IL: Illinois

**Province:**

**\* Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

**\* Zip / Postal Code:** 61802-4578

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

Planning/Community Development

**Division Name:**

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

**Prefix:** **\* First Name:** Rita

**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:** Morocoima-Black

**Suffix:**

**Title:** Planning and Community Development Director

**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:** 217-328-3313

**Fax Number:** 217-328-2426

**\* Email:** rmorocoi@ccrpc.org

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

### \* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

E: Regional Organization

### Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

### Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

### \* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

### CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OSWER-OBLR-14-07

### \* Title:

FY15 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

### Title:

### 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

CCRPC\_ECIBC\_Project\_Area.pdf

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Hazardous substances and petroleum brownfields coalition assessment grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

**17. Proposed Project:**\* a. Start Date: \* b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="600,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="600,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title: \* Telephone Number:  Fax Number: \* Email: \* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed:

# BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0006  
Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

## SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. Brownfields Assessment	66.818	\$	\$	\$ 600,000.00	\$	\$ 600,000.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$ 600,000.00	\$	\$ 600,000.00

### SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	Brownfields Assessment				
a. Personnel	\$ 13,200.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 13,200.00
b. Fringe Benefits	6,160.00				6,160.00
c. Travel	5,360.00				5,360.00
d. Equipment	0.00				
e. Supplies	0.00				
f. Contractual	515,280.00				515,280.00
g. Construction	0.00				
h. Other	60,000.00				60,000.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	600,000.00				\$ 600,000.00
j. Indirect Charges					\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 600,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 600,000.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES				
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e)TOTALS
8. <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
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SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$ <input type="text" value="150,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="25,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="25,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="50,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="50,000.00"/>
14. Non-Federal	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT				
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS)			
	(b)First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. <input type="text" value="Brownfields Assessment"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="150,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="250,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="200,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
17. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
18. <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION	
21. Direct Charges: <input type="text"/>	22. Indirect Charges: <input type="text"/>
23. Remarks: <input type="text"/>	